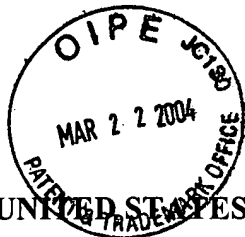


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

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